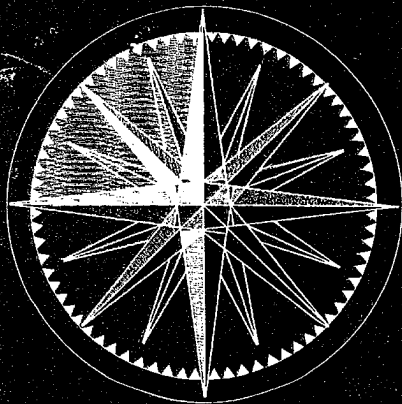


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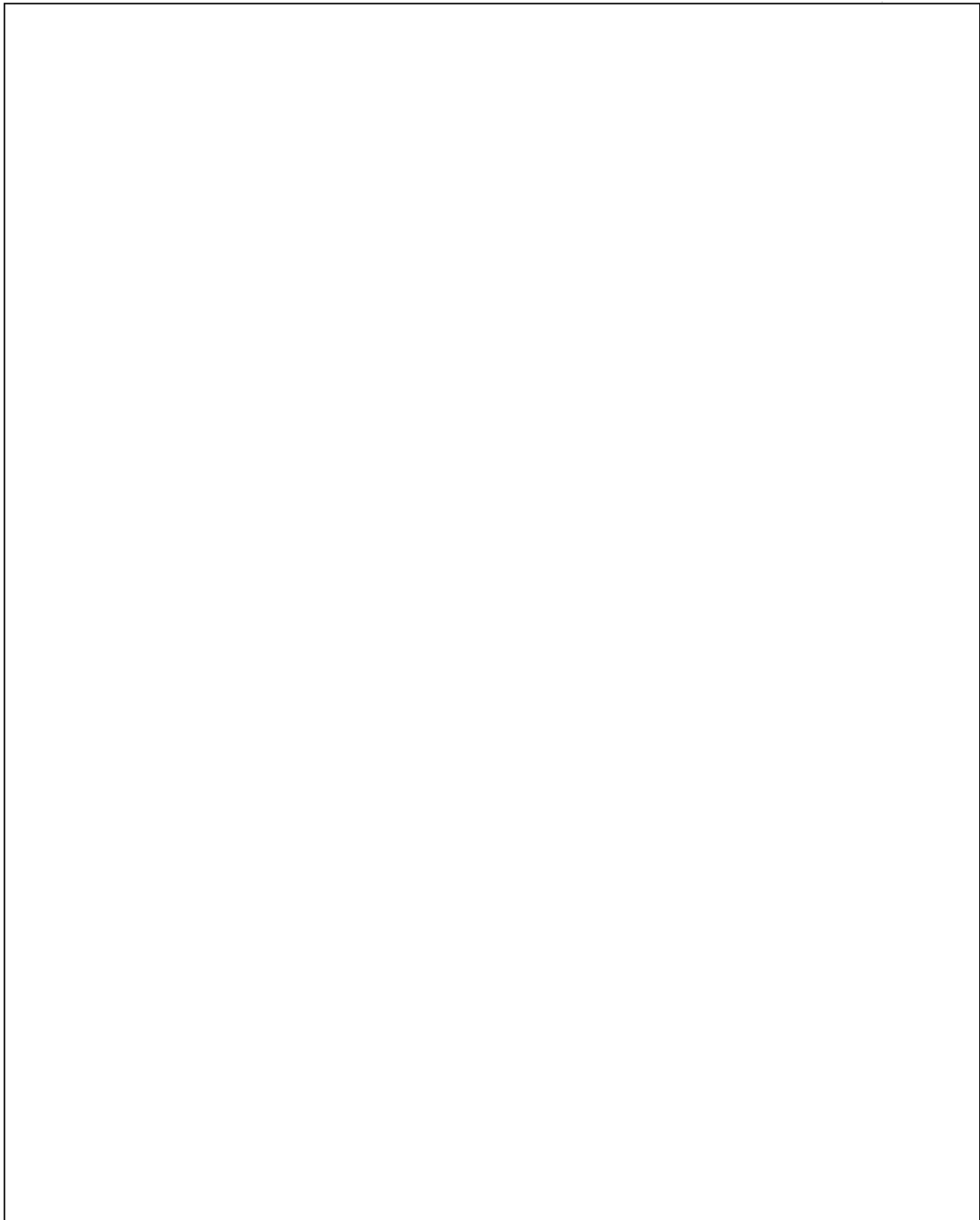
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# THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI MISSILE RACE

Recent information indicates that Israeli efforts to acquire an effective surface-to-surface missile system are progressing. On the other hand developmental difficulties and the current diplomatic differences between Egypt and West Germany are delaying the Egyptian missile programs.

[REDACTED] In the meantime, Israel may hope to be able to acquire such warheads from France if it needs them. The French probably would not supply them to Israel, although the possibility cannot be ruled out.

In Egypt, West German scientists have been responsible for the development of two surface-to-surface missile systems much less sophisticated than the MD-620. Thus far, progress on both of these missiles, the Victor and the Conqueror, has been far from satisfactory. The flight test program appears to have been stepped-up since last summer to include firings every month, but the UAR has not yet been able to develop a satisfactory all-inertial guidance system.

The German scientists are reported to be incensed by the recent Egyptian reception of East German Premier Ulbricht. If the recent West German decision to establish full diplomatic relations with Israel results in a break in Egyptian - West German diplomatic relations, these scientists may return to Germany. An exodus of German scientists and a cut-off of materials from West Germany would delay the Egyptian missile and space programs. However, during the four years of German assistance the competence of UAR scientists engaged in the programs has increased considerably.

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